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REPORT

TOPIC 1. Military Installations in Jihlava, Hlucin and Domazlice2. Border Area near VarnsdorfEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 5 August 1954REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATEDMilitary Installations in Jihlava, Hlucin and Domazlice.

1. Between 7 and 12 November 1953, Czech infantry was observed in the Stefanik Barracks in Jihlava. Soldiers observed wore red epaulets. The installation was located in the western portion of the town, south of former Altenberger Strasse, and was bordered to the east and south by the former Steiger Strasse and Braeuhaus Strasse respectively. The buildings of the installation were rather old. No war damages or new buildings were observed. On 11 November, about 100 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard. The installation allegedly did not include any vehicle sheds.
2. An undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on 3 or 4 artillery pieces, allegedly old field guns of 80 to 100 mm caliber, in the yard of Zizka Barracks. The guns had wooden wheels with iron tires, a 3-meter barrel with a jacket about 1.5 meters long, and a protective shield with rounded corners, which was set up nearly vertical. Several two-axle trucks were seen in the west section of the installation. Other trucks were seen en route from the town to the installation on 9 November. Soldiers observed in the vicinity of the quarters wore red collar patches and epaulets. The Zizka Barracks was located at the southwestern perimeter of the town, on the south side of Budweiser Strasse, east of a cemetery, and consisted of an east section with brick buildings arranged in a quadrangle and a west section with the former stables, gun sheds, repair shops and other service buildings.
3. The old barracks in the center of the town at the northeast corner of the former Masarykova nam. was allegedly occupied by infantry soldiers. The installation was the oldest barracks in the town. Its buildings formed a quadrangle. The installation east of the town on the south side of the road to Brno was allegedly occupied by troops. Between 1939 and 1945, a military installation, which included some of the buildings of the former insane asylum, had been built there for German police units.

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4. A military hospital was located in the northwest section of the town, near the railroad station. In November 1953, its quarters were guarded by sentries. ¹
5. In December 1953, two small canvas-covered guns, which were believed to be light AT guns, were seen in the barracks installation at the northwest perimeter of Hlucin (P 50/O 49) and on the south side of the road to Opava. A sentry who stood in front of the quarters wore army uniform. The installation consisted of two-story brick buildings. ²
6. On 28 June 1954, the former monastery in Domazlice (N 50/P 70) was occupied by soldiers. Officers were seen in the rooms on the ground floor which served as offices and instruction rooms. The second floor was occupied by an estimated 120 soldiers. Infantry training was conducted in the garden of the monastery. Several dogs were also observed in the garden. ³ About 20 members of the SNS were quartered in one of the monastery buildings.

Border Area near Varnsdorf.

7. In early July 1954, the cutting of woodlands near Spitzberg (Spicek) hill, northeast of Varnsdorf (O 51/P 87), which started in June, was discontinued. A railroad carload of barbed wire had been stored near the old Czech customhouse between Varnsdorf and Seifhemnersdorf (O 51/P 88). The strip of no-man's-land between Spitzberg and Burgsberg north of Varnsdorf was narrowed. Temporary wooden huts had been erected by Czech border guard personnel near Burgsberg and the Schoenborn (O 51/P 77) forester house. A border guard soldier stated that he engaged in patrol duty 12 hours a day. ⁴

1. Comment. Location and number of barracks installations in Jihlava are clarified by the present information. All installations are believed to be occupied by elements of the 48th Inf Regt of the 1st Inf Div, except for the 2d Bn of the regiment which is stationed in Dacice.
2. Comment. The Tank SP Regt or Bn and the AAA Bn of the 7th Inf Div are believed to be stationed in Hlucin. Information of April 1951 gave indications of the presence of an AT unit. The AT Bn of the 7th Inf Div may also be stationed in this installation. The barracks installation apparently includes several three-story buildings.
3. Comment. It is undetermined whether the former monastery is occupied by elements of the 35th Inf Regt or by PS troops. The presence of the dogs support the possibility that it is occupied by PS. The quarters may be occupied by two different units.
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